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Sir and Dear Dr. Falconer,

In speaking with Dr Seane, Secy of the medical faculty, to-day I was told that in order to make my transfer complete I would have to write some examination especially set for myself and one or two of the men who wish to be transferred to McGill. For my own part I considered that a Toronto M.D. degree and a McGill medical degree would make an exceedingly advantageous combination, seeing that McGill University has held such a high standard in med. for so many years. Another reason for my making a change was that certain circumstances arose last Session at Toronto which led me to sever my connection with the Toronto men and the Varsity

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Supplement and made it increasingly difficult for me to act as President of the Y.M.C.A. and Student representative to the College Dining Hall.

I thought at the time, that you spoke rather harshly to me in February last, when I waived from the residency and I think I have learned now the lesson you sought to teach me then "that to keep up your with the band is the best policy". This I have tried conscientiously to practice, & taken since then, and I find it pays. But when a man is attending college, and more especially when he is taking a medical course indebtedness seems to meet him on all sides, and I think this fact partially explains my apparent delinquency in

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looking after certain minor yet important matters, now that I have all but completed my student days at Toronto I am beginning to realize, after only three months absence, what a very great deal I received from my alma mater and how little I paid her in return. As a result, Sir, I have wished a few times, it were possible to repeat the course and I am heartily sorry for not improving my time.

Dr Seaman also said that there was something standing against me which would have to be cleared up. My brother went overseas in the aviation corps last Xmas and left two or three small accounts for me to look after; I assumed them for his sake but have not been

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Dear Mr Turney,

I heard from the Office of the Secretary of the faculty of medicine that it was probable that I should receive a request from the secretary of the Medical Faculty of McGill for a certificate of character for you; but so far no such request has come. At the same time the secretary informed me that you had given them trouble in the line of what I had found it necessary to warn you against some time ago. You will see therefore that we shall need to mention these facts to McGill. We have no desire to keep you from making the transfer and provided you have paid all your dues to the various university offices and met your obligations I shall have no objection to sending a certificate including a reference to the above facts, but which I should think they will accept and will allow you to register.

I am yours sincerely,

Mr Herbert Turney

Royal Victoria Hospital

Montreal

September 28th, 1917

Dr. Scane,

Secretary, Medical Faculty,

McGill University, Montreal, 2.

Dear Dr. Scane:

I understand that Mr. Herbert F. Turney will not be allowed to register as a medical student in McGill University unless he receives a certificate to the effect that he leaves the University of Toronto in good standing. Though there had been difficulties with Mr. Turney these have all been removed, and he leaves the University of Toronto having fulfilled all his obligations.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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able to meet all yet, of anything of the nature I have referred to you, may I not hope that you will understand my difficult position because I certainly would like to help him. Now that I have been enlisted for overseas service with the C.A.M.C. it was my hope that I should graduate next January, proceed to France and see my brother once again: He is in the R.N.A.S. and speaking near Dunkirk so I am reasonably sure of seeing him. Could I go very soon to France, with you kindly make it possible for me to take my final year at McGill so that my highest hopes, that of seeing my brother and serving my country, may shortly be realized?

I am, Sir, very truly yours.

Herbert Turney.